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Testimony: **H.B. No.5538 (Raised) A Scope of Practice For
Anesthesiologists.**

Public Health Committee

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Good Morning: Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee.

I want to thank-you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA).

I am Mary Jane Williams Ph.D., RN current chairperson of Government Relations Committee for the Connecticut Nurses Association. I speak in regarding **H.B. No.5538 (Raised) A Scope of Practice For Anesthesiologists, with one recommendation.**

Currently Nurse Anesthetists provide Anesthesia in a variety of settings in Connecticut. They provide safe, quality care with excellent outcomes under direction of a Physician. If this legislation passes it will be essential to utilize the Nurse Anesthetists as providers to meet the demand of Dental provider practices.

Nurse Anesthetists 20-94a maintaining current certification from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists who is prescribing and administering medical therapeutics during surgery may only do so if the physician who is medically directing the prescriptive activity is physically present in the institution, clinic or other setting where the surgery is being performed.

The Nurse Anesthetist is fully qualified by law to provide anesthesia in Dental practices as long as the Dentist is on site. They will be essential providers in Dental Practices.

Therefore I urge you to support **H.B. No.5538 (Raised) A Scope of Practice For Anesthesiologists with the inclusion of Nurse Anesthetists as providers of moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia on Dental patients in Dental practices in Connecticut.**

Thank you

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